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# AND

# PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

# FOR THE YEAR

# 1969

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# ROMNEY MARSH RURAL DISTRICT, KENT

## Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector for the Year 1969.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1969.

### Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 5,780 which was an increase of 70 over that of the previous year.

### Live Births and Birth Rate

The number of live births was 90 (48 M. 42 F.) which was a decrease of 19 over that of the previous year and the corresponding crude birth rate was 15.6; when adjusted, however, by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardized for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts the rate becomes 21.2 and was higher than that of 16.3 for England and Wales.

### Stillbirths and Rate

One stillbirth was registered and the stillbirth rate was 11.0 which was lower than that of 13.0 for England and Wales.

### Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

One infant death was registered and the infantile mortality rate was accordingly 11.1 compared with 18.0 for England and Wales.

The cause of death was:-

Prematurity - 3 hours.

The hard core of causes of Perinatal Mortality (i.e. stillbirths and infant deaths under one week of age) is prematurity, asphyxia and atelectasis, birth injuries and congenital malformations and the most important maternal factor is toxaemia of pregnancy.

### Maternal Deaths and Mortality Rate

This rate was nil, as there were no deaths due to Pregnancy, Childbirth or Abortion, and signifies the high standard of modern obstetric practice.

### Total Deaths and Rate

The total number of deaths from all causes was 73 (40 M. 33 F.) and the corresponding crude death rate 12.6; after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and affords comparison with other Districts, the adjusted rate was 11.2 and was lower than that of 11.9 for England and Wales.

The majority of the deaths were amongst the aged from natural causes, namely, Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular lesions of the Nervous System; of these there were 28.

Ischaemic Heart Disease (i.e. Coronary Thrombosis and Coronary Atheroma) was the cause of 16 of those deaths in the following age-groups; 1 between 45 - 54; 4 between 55 - 64; 7 between 65 - 74; 4 over 75 years. Although the chief cause is still obscure, the majority of deaths occur amongst the elderly or aged and it would seem that a degenerative process is a causal factor, although this might not explain the cause of deaths in early life.

Cancer was the cause of 17 deaths, in the following age-groups; 1 between 25 - 34; 1 between 35 - 44; 3 between 55 - 64; 5 between 65 - 74 and 7 over 75 years. As cancer can be treated with success if a diagnosis is made before the disease is too advanced, it is reasonable to assume that patients seek medical examination too late.

Cancer of the Lung/Bronchus was the cause of 4 (4 M.) deaths, 2 between 55 - 64 and 1 between 65 - 74 and 1 over 75 years of age. The usual pattern is for deaths to occur in earlier age-groups than most other forms of Cancer, and having regard to the fact that there is no atmospheric pollution in the district, it would seem that the inhalation of tobacco smoke is a precipitating factor amongst those who are predisposed to the disease, keeping in mind that the majority of those who have smoked all their adult lives have died from other natural causes. Cancer of the breast caused one death in the 35 - 44 age-group.

Cancer causes a relentless toll of human lives all over the world and is invariably the second highest cause of deaths of which heart and arterial diseases are the chief cause; the majority of the latter cases are due to old age and coronary thrombosis, However, many deaths from Cancer occur in younger age-groups, usually over the age of 40 years. The majority are in all probability due to delay by patients in seeking medical advice, having regard also to the fact that the onset of the disease is insidious or latent.

It is an old adage that 'prevention is better than cure', and there is sufficient modern knowledge about the causes of some forms of Cancer to enable their prevention.

Modern surgery and X-rays and other radiations used, singly or in combination, have transformed the treatment of this group of diseases.

Almost all skin Cancers and over 80% of Cancers of the Cervix of the Uterus can be cured if they are treated early. There was one death from Cancer of the Uterus.

Amongst the other causes of death there was no exceptional mortality. There was no death due to Infectious Disease.

## The Infectious Diseases

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Measles ... ... ... ... | 91 |
| Scarlet Fever ... ... ... | 4 |

A new era in the history of the prevalence of serious Infectious Diseases has been reached, in prevention and treatment. For example, the remarkable advance in this Century of medical science, with emphasis on the last 40 years, has prevented by vaccination and immunisation lethal and disabling infections such as Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and recently Measles and by treatment with specific Anti-biotics and Sulpha drugs, diseases caused by bacteria such as Acute Meningitis, the Pneumonias, Puerperal Sepsis, Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas, Typhoid and Para-typhoid Fevers, and Food Poisoning etc.

Influenza, which is still epidemic in the winter months is by and large the most dangerous infection and it is still equivocal whether vaccination is preventive, unless a vaccine specific to the strain which is likely to become epidemic is prepared in time before the epidemic occurs.

All virus infections per se do not respond to treatment by the Anti-biotics or Sulpha drugs, but fortunately serious complications caused by bacteria usually respond successfully to treatment.

Vaccination against the virus of measles has recently been introduced, and it is expected that the biennial outbreaks which occur will be eventually controlled. Vaccination is available at the Child Welfare Clinics and from the Family Doctor.

Tuberculosis

No new cases of Tuberculosis were notified and there were no deaths.

This disease, which in past medical history has been a scourge of man, and was known as the 'White Plague', is in these days almost completely under control, by prevention (including the elimination of housing overcrowding and a higher standard of living), and by treatment. Since 1950, the number of cases amongst adolescents amongst whom it was most common, has gradually decreased to a minimum. Protection of school children by B.C.G. vaccination, which is offered to those aged 13 years and over, has been an imporant factor.

Food Poisoning

Cases or suspected cases of Food Poisoning are still required to be notified.

There were no cases of Food Poisoning notified during the year. This fact is an excellent tribute to the invaluable routine prevention work in Food Hygiene carried through by the Public Health Inspectorate.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support of and interest in the Department and also the Staff for their very efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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## STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT FOR 1969

Area:- 31,031

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

| | |
|---|---|
| The Resident Population ... ... ... ... | 5,780 |
| Number of Inhabited Houses According to the Rate Books ... ... ... ... | 2,450 |
| Rateable Value ... ... ... ... | £145,425 |
| Sum Represented by a Penny Rate ... ... ... | £818 |

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## SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Romney Marsh Rural District is essentially agricultural in charater and interests but, as part of the boundary is formed by the sea with wide expanses of sand, there is considerable catering for the large numbers of holidays-makers and weekend trippers who are attracted to the district, and associated there are large holiday-camps and licensed caravan sites. There is negligible unemployment and social conditions are generally satisfactory.

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

| | Total | M. | F. | | Romney Marsh Rural District | England and Wales |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Live Births | 90 | 48 | 42 | | 15.6 | 16.3 |
| (a) Legitimate | 81 | 43 | 38 | Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population | (Adjusted Rate) 21.2 | |
| (b) Illegitimate | 9 | 5 | 4 | | | |
| 2. Stillbirths | 1 | 1 | - | | | |
| (a) Legitimate | 1 | 1 | - | Rate per 1,000 total (live and stillbirths) | 11.0 | 13.0 |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | | | |
| 3. Total live and still-births | 91 | 49 | 42 | | | |
| 4. Deaths | 73 | 40 | 33 | Death Rate per 1,000 resident population | 12.6 (Adjusted Rate) 11.2 | 11.9 |
| 5. Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 (live and still-births) | Nil | Not Available |
| 6. Deaths of Infants Under One Year Of Age | 1 | 1 | - | Rate per 1,000 live births | 11.1 | 18.0 |
| (a) Legitimate | 1 | 1 | - | Rate per 1,000 legitimate live births | 12.3 | 17.0 |
| (b) Illegitimate | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births | Nil | 25.0 |
| 7. Perinatal Mortality (i.e. Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week of age) | - | - | - | Rate per 1,000 live births | 11.0 | 23.0 |

8. Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births 10%

## CAUSES OF DEATH IN ROMNEY MARSH RURAL DISTRICT

## DURING 1969

| ALL CAUSES | Males 40 | Females 33 |
|---|---|---|
| Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ... ... ... | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ... ... ... | 2 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ... ... ... | 4 | - |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ... ... ... | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ... ... ... | - | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ... ... ... | 3 | - |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms ... ... ... | 3 | - |
| Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.... ... ... | - | 1 |
| Hypertensive Diseases ... ... ... | 1 | - |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease ... ... ... | 12 | 4 |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease ... ... ... | 1 | 2 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease ... ... ... | 3 | 6 |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System ... ... ... | 4 | 9 |
| Influenza ... ... ... | - | 1 |
| Pneumonia ... ... ... | 2 | 1 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema ... ... ... | 1 | - |
| Asthma ... ... ... | - | 1 |
| Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ... ... ... | - | 1 |
| Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions ... ... ... | 1 | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents ... ... ... | 1 | 1 |
| All Other Accidents ... ... ... | - | 1 |
| All Other External Causes ... ... ... | 1 | - |

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# TUBERCULOSIS

## New Cases and Mortality, 1969

| Age Periods | New Cases | | | | Deaths | | | | Total Cases on Register | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | |
| | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. | M. | F. |
| 0 ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 7 | 5 | 3 |
| 1 ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 5 ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 15 ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 25 ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 35 ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 45 ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 55 ... ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| 65 and upwards | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | | | |

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of patients who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.

## IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1969 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

| | Primary. | | | | | | Reinforcing. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Year of Birth | Triple Antigen | Diphtheria Tetanus | Small-pox | Tetanus | Measles | Polio-myelitis | Triple Antigen | Diphtheria Tetanus | Small-pox | Tetanus | Measles | Polio-myelitis |
| 1969 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1968 | 13 | 1 | 32 | - | 1 | 28 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1967 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 1 | 11 | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| 1966 | 1 | - | - | - | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | - | - | - | - |
| 1965 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | 5 |
| 1962 - 1963 | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | 1 | 18 | - | - | - | 21 |
| 1964 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 3 | 25 | - | - | - | 21 |
| 1953 - 1961 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | 3 |
| Total | 15 | 1 | 32 | 2 | 21 | 31 | 27 | 58 | 2 | 1 | - | 50 |

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### WATER SUPPLY

The quantity of water supplied to the area is adequate and none of the supplies is plumbo solvent.

(A) Examination of Water Supplies during the Year

| | Bacteriological Examination | | | Chemical Examination | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. of Samples | Satis-factory | Not Satis-factory | No. of Samples | Satis-factory | Not Satis-factory |
| Statutory supply undertakings | 19 | 19 | - | 3 | 3 | - |
| Private sources piped to dwellings | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other private sources | - | - | - | - | - | - |

(B) (i) Number of dwellings not supplied by public water mains or other adequate piped supplies ... ... ... None

(ii) Number of dwellings in the area ... ... ... 2,450

(C) Extensions to water mains during the year:-

There were no extensions to water mains during the year.

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No additions were made during the year to the sewerage disposal system. The schemes to provide main drainage to the villages of Burmarsh, Brookland, Brenzett, Ivychurch and St. Mary in the Marsh are in the final stages of preparation.

### FOOD (INCLUDING ICE CREAM AND MILK) AND FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

(i) (a) the number of food premises in the area ... 145

(b) the number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955

(i) Retailers of Ice Cream ... ... 19

(ii) Preparation and manufacture of Sausages and Preserved Foods etc. ... 3

(c) The number of inspections of registered food premises ... 56

(d) Condemned food is collected and disposed of to refuse tip under supervision.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Number of inspections re:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Butchers and meat products manufacturers | ... | 12 |
| Catering Establishments and Clubs | ... | 61 |
| Fish (including Fried) | ... | 5 |
| Licensed Premises | ... | 17 |
| Stalls, Itinerant Vendors and Delivery Vans | ... | 17 |
| All Other Food Premises | ... | 29 |

Number of Informal (including Verbal) Notices Served (Food & Drugs Act - Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 ... 12

Number of food premises improved as a result of notices served: 12

Inspection of Food and Food Preparing Premises

(a) Brief particulars of any action taken, including inspections of meat and other foods, slaughterhouses, stalls, vehicles, and food-preparing places:-

The standard of hygiene of food and food-preparing premises is satisfactory and since most of the defects found during the year were of a comparitively minor nature, they were remedied by informal action.

(B) Observations on manufacture and sale of ice cream in accordance with Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947 - 1959.

There are no Ice Cream manufacturers in the area. There were no contraventions of these Regulations regarding the storage and sale of ice cream.

Number of Samples of Ice Cream taken for bacteriological examination during the year and results obtained

| | Samples | Grades | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Sold Loose | 8 | 6 | 2 | - | - |
| Wrapped or Part Wrapped | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| No. of registered distributors | ... | 17 |
| No. of registered dairies | ... | None |

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

204 lbs. of various foods and 8 lbs. of meat products were surrendered and condemned as unsound.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Houses in clearance areas and unfit houses elsewhere

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED | IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS declared under Section 42 of the Hsg. Act, 1957 | Unfit for human habitation | Number of houses | 2 |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | 2 |
| | | Included by reason of bad arrangement | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | On land aquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act, 1957 | Number of houses | 1 |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | 1 |
| | NOT IN OR ADJOINING CLEARANCE AREAS | As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or 17(1) Housing Act, 1957 | Number of houses | 6 |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | 6 |
| | | Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts. | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Houses included in unfitness orders made under para. 2 of the Second Schedule to the Land Compensation Act, 1961 | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings | | Reported as closed up to 31/12/64 | - |
| | | | Reported as closed since 31/12/64 | 2 |
| B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings | Under Sections 16(4), 17(1), and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961 | | Number of houses | 2 |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | 2 |
| | Under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 | | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | PARTS OF BUILDINGS CLOSED under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957 | | Number of dwellings | - |

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS (Continued)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| C. Number of PERSONS DIS-PLACED | From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas | - |
| | From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas | - |
| | From houses to be closed | 1 |
| | From parts of buildings to be closed | - |
| D. Number of FAMILIES DIS-PLACED | From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas | - |
| | From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas | - |
| | From houses to be closed | - |
| | From parts of buildings to be closed | - |
| E. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT | After informal action by local authority — by owner | - |
| | After formal notice under Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957 — (a) by owner | - |
| | (b) by local authority | - |
| | After formal notice under Public Health Acts | - |
| | Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24 Housing Act, 1961 | - |
| | Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957 | - |
| | Previously included in a closing order which has been or will be determined under Section 27 Housing Act, 1957 | - |
| F. HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED (Other than unfit houses made fit) after formal notice under Public Health Acts | | - |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| G. UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMP-ORARY USE (Housing Act, 1957) | Retained for temporary accommod-ation | Under Section 48 | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Under Section 17(2) | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | | Under Section 46 | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of separate dwellings contained therein | - |
| | Licensed for temporary accommodation under section 34 or 53 - Number of houses | | | - |
| H. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREE-MENT | Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders | | Number of houses | - |
| | | | Number of occupants | - |

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS GRANTS

DISCRETIONARY 8 applications were received during the year, all of which were approved. The number of houses concerned was 9 and the total cost of the works was £6,699. The amount of grant approved in respect of these schemes was £2,904.

STANDARD 4 applications were received during the year and 3 of these were approved. Three properties were concerned and the total cost of thw works was £1,619. The amount of grant approved was £502.

INSPECTIONS -

Summary of inspections made:-

Public Health Act, 1936 and Housing Act, 1957

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of inspections of dwellings re repairs ... ... | 59 |
| Number of dwellings made fit ... ... | 1 |
| Number of inspections for purposes of Sections 16/17 Housing Act (Demolition and Closing Orders) ... | 25 |
| Number of inspections of clearance areas ... ... | - |
| Number of inspections for general survey and assessment | 14 |

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958
Housing Subsidies and Standard Grant

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of inspections in connection with Improvement Grants ... | 65 |
| Number of inspections in connection with Standard Grants ... | 15 |

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 and Rents Act, 1957

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of inspections re Certificates of Disrepair ... ... | - |
| Number of inspections re Certificates as to Remedying of Defects | - |

Housing (General)

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of inspections re housing applications ... ... ... | 179 |

Public Health Act

Number of inspections re:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Tents, Vans and Sheds ... ... ... | 11 |
| Aged and Infirm Persons ... ... ... | 1 |
| Vermin ... ... ... | 1 |
| Dirty houses ... ... ... | 4 |
| Offensive accumulations ... ... ... | 6 |
| Offensive odours ... ... ... | 22 |
| Nuisance from Keeping of Animals ... ... ... | 7 |

| NOTICES SERVED | Informal | Formal |
|---|---|---|
| Public Health Acts | 11 | 4 |
| Housing Acts | 2 | 2 |

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS

(i) House Structure

(a) External

| | |
|---|---|
| Chimney Stacks ... ... ... | - |
| Roof ... ... ... | 2 |

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS (Continued)

| | |
|---|---|
| Gutters and fall pipes ... ... ... | 2 |
| Brickwork, pointing and rendering ... ... ... | - |
| Windows (including cords) ... ... ... | 1 |
| Doors ... ... ... | - |
| Decorations ... ... ... | - |
| Outbuildings ... ... ... | - |
| Yard Surfacing ... ... ... | - |
| (b) Internal | |
| Plasterwork (walls and ceilings) ... ... ... | 2 |
| Doors and Cupboards ... ... ... | - |
| Fireplaces and Stoves ... ... ... | - |
| Staircase ... ... ... | - |
| Floors (including under-floor ventilation) ... ... ... | 1 |
| Miscellaneous repairs ... ... ... | 3 |
| (ii) Dampness to dwellings | |
| Walls ... ... ... | 3 |
| Floors ... ... ... | - |
| (iii) Foodstore to dwellings | |
| Made Satisfactory ... ... ... | - |
| Provided ... ... ... | - |
| (iv) Water supply to Dwellings | |
| Well supplies made adequate and safe ... ... ... | - |
| Wells discontinued and main water provided ... ... ... | - |
| Service piping renewed ... ... ... | - |
| Sinks renewed ... ... ... | - |
| Drainers renewed or provided ... ... ... | - |
| (v) Sanitary Conveniences to Dwellings (including compartments) | |
| Repaired ... ... ... | 2 |
| New Provided ... ... ... | - |
| Conversions to W.C.'s from pail closets ... ... ... | - |

ANALYSIS OF DEFECTS REMEDIED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACT AND HOUSING ACTS (Continued)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (vi) | Ventilation of dwellings | |
| | Improved ... ... ... | - |
| (vii) | Drainage - general | |
| | Drains renewed or repaired ... ... ... | 6 |
| | Drains cleared ... ... ... | 22 |
| (viii) | Natural Lighting of dwellings | |
| | Improved ... ... ... | - |
| (xi) | Stability of Buildings Remedied ... ... ... | - |
| (x) | Dustbins Renewed ... ... ... | 14 |

HOUSING

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (i) | No. of families on Council's waiting list at 31st December ... | 97 |
| (ii) | No. of Council houses built during the year ... ... | 45 |
| (iii) | No. of Private houses built during the year ... ... | 37 |

HOLIDAY CAMPS

Names and addresses of Holiday Camps and number accommodated in each:-

| | |
|---|---|
| St. Mary's Bay Holiday Camp | 1,200 ( inc. staff) |
| Golden Sands Country Club, St. Mary's Bay | 400 (inc. staff) |

CARAVAN SITES

| Names and addresses of Licensed Sites | No. of Caravans on each Site |
|---|---|
| East Fleet Caravan Site, Hythe Rd., Dymchurch | 136 |
| Apps Caravan Site, St. Mary's Bay | 47 |
| Pipers Caravan Site, Dymchurch | 358 |
| Warren Dairy Farm, New Romney | 29 |
| Orchard Caravan Site, Burmarsh Road, Burmarsh | 7 |
| 'Dalacres', Lower Wall Road, West Hythe | 20 |
| Beach Holiday Centre, Hythe Road, Dymchurch | 248 |

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The service is satisfactory except during periods of heavy rainfall when it is difficult to deal promptly with requests for emptying. The surface water drainage scheme in Rolfe Lane and the work to reduce the sub-soil water level in Brooklands Estate should prevent a recurrence of this situation.

DRAINAGE

| | |
|---|---|
| Total number of inhabited houses (including Flats) .. .. .. .. .. | 2,426 |
| Total number of houses connected to the sewers .. .. .. .. .. | 1,870 |
| Number of houses not connected to the sewers .. .. .. .. .. .. | 746 |
| Number of houses connected to cesspools .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 746 |
| Number of houses with pail closets .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | Unknown |

REFUSE COLLECTIONS AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection has been maintained throughout the district during the year and trade refuse collection taken place during the Summer months only. This service includes the removal of bulky items of refuse, free of charge. The refuse tip at Brookland is no longer used by the Council although no satisfactory way of dealing with this site has yet been found. The tip of Orgarswick is in a satisfactory condition and tipping is being carefully controlled to prolong the life of this site.

DISINFESTATION

The number of houses found to be infested with vermin was as follows:-

| | Bugs | Fleas | Cockroaches |
|---|---|---|---|
| Council houses | - | 2 | 10 |
| Other houses | - | - | - |

These infestations were effectively dealt with using Lindane in gaseous form for both initial and follow-up treatments.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

1. Inspections for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

| Premises (1) | Number on Register (2) | Number of Inspections (3) | Number of Written Notices (4) | Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority | - | - | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (1) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 12 | 4 | - | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 12 | 4 | - | - |

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959 (Continued)

2. Cases in which defects were found

| Particulars (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | To H.M. Inspector (4) | By H.M. Inspector (5) | |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (Section 6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (Section 7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | - | - | - | - | - |

Part V111 of the Act - Outwork - Sections 110 and 111

There are no Outworkers in the District.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES & FOOD
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

| PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS | TYPE OF PROPERTY | |
|---|---|---|
| | NON-AGRICULTURAL | AGRICULTURAL |
| (i) Number of properties in district | 2,651 | 220 |
| (ii) (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification | 429 | 73 |
| (b) Number infested by i) Rats | 94 | 17 |
| ii) Mice | 8 | 2 |
| (iii) (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification | 12 | 4 |
| (b) Number infested by i) Rats | 2 | - |
| ii) Mice | 1 | - |

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